

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 921  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mike Bruns upon his  
induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mike Bruns, who has been chosen for induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, a prestigious honor that speaks to Mr. Bruns's dedication to his business and his community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, the Society of Entrepreneurs was created to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs to business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs selected only five new members to join their organization this year, and these chosen individuals have demonstrated a gift for entrepreneurship in their professional endeavors, yet they have used this gift to enrich their respective communities as well; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bruns founded Comtrak, a thriving and innovative trucking firm headquartered in Memphis, in 1983, and he still oversees the company's operations, which includes a fleet of 600 trucks and terminals throughout the southeastern United States; and

WHEREAS, the *Memphis Business Journal* named Comtrak its 1990 Business of the Year, and in 1998, Comtrak was named one of the nation's fastest growing companies by Inc. 500; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Mike Bruns is also a model public servant who shares his successes and talents with his community; some examples of the organizations to

which Mr. Bruns donates his time and talent include Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Junior Achievement, and Youth Villages; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Youth Villages board, Mr. Bruns expertly guided the organization through a period of tremendous growth; under his leadership, Youth Villages tripled its size and raised an impressive twenty million dollars to develop new programs and make capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bruns epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of the distinguished members of the Society of Entrepreneurs, and he will be officially inducted into the Society and recognized for his contributions to Tennessee on April 24, 2004, at the Society's annual awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mike Bruns for his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mike Bruns for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and the good people of Memphis, congratulate him on his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.